

# 2010/11 Revenue Budget and Policy Framework Update – Strategic Context

For Consideration by Cabinet 19 January 2010

## 1. BACKGROUND

Cabinet, at its meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 considered a series of options in respect of proposals to consult local residents on budget proposals for 2010/11. Cabinet approved option 4a in the report as the basis for undertaking the public engagement exercise.

Option 4a included the production of a consultation document to be made widely available at points across the district, exhibitions in Lancaster, Morecambe and Carnforth and community workshops at Lancaster, Morecambe and Carnforth. Because of the severe weather conditions experienced during the consultation exercise the Carnforth exhibition and workshop had to be cancelled.

## 2. REPORT

### 2.1 Consultation Document

An information and questionnaire booklet was developed in house. An online questionnaire was also developed and made available with the booklet on the consultation web page. A letter including the web link was sent to:

- Economic stakeholders
- Parish councils
- Resident and tenant associations
- LDLSP and thematic groups
- Community leaders group
- Trade unions
- Community consultation register members

Copies of the questionnaires and boxes for completed questionnaires were also sent to:

- Lancaster and Morecambe customer contact centres
- Council Housing (Cable Street)
- Salt Ayre
- The Dome
- The three community pools
- Carnforth, Morecambe and Lancaster libraries

### 2.2 Town Centre Exhibitions

Town centre exhibitions were held in Lancaster Marketgate and Morecambe Arndale Centre. The town centre exhibitions gave residents an opportunity to ask questions and complete a questionnaire. They were manned by council staff and a number of Cabinet members.

### **2.3 Community Workshops**

Community workshops were held at Lancaster Town Hall and Morecambe Town Hall. Residents were required to register for the workshops to attempt to maintain a representative sample of the district.

### **2.4 Results**

A summary of the results is attached. A copy of the full analysis will be made available to members which includes a great amount of detailed comment about both the consultation questions and other responses.

Approximately 123 people attended the exhibitions and 36 residents took part in the two community workshops. 303 questionnaires were also returned (116 online and 187 paper)

**CONSULTATION SUMMARY**

<b>Priorities</b>	<b>Agree 56.95%</b>	<b>Partially 39.32%</b>
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	<b>INCREASE %</b>	<b>MAINTAIN %</b>	<b>REDUCE %</b>	<b>STOP %</b>
Museums	8.31	62.46	25.91	3.32
Community Pools	18.48	64.03	11.88	5.61
Entertainment Venues	26.07	47.85	13.86	12.21
Public Toilets	27.39	40.92	26.40	5.28
Events	26.40	45.87	20.13	7.59
Allotments	27.72	45.54	21.45	5.28
CCTV	12.54	44.22	33.0	10.23
Youth Games	11.55	50.50	17.16	20.79
Grants To Organisations	28.38	52.48	15.18	3.96
Parks/Play Areas Etc	18.81	74.59	5.61	0.99
Community Leisure	13.53	55.12	23.76	7.59
	0%	1%	2%	3%
Council Tax	18.03	9.86	23.47	9.86
				4%
				28.23

Asset Sales Reinvestment	Agree 74.48%
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